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THE WOMAN WITH A PRETTY FOOD, ter who is to be fitted. Still there are cases where the solicitous wife has always had the care of the clothing of her husband. The usher has grown cunning by experience, and learning that shoes are needed for the daughter, recognizes the need of a strong mind to effect the sale. So he selects the salesman with care.

After seating the party, he, as a measure of precaution, removes the right shoe, and then makes some inquiries, addressing himself to the daughter, but looking at the mother, and entirely ignoring the father. A disquisition now upon the child's foot may be expected, and eventually he obtains sufficient information to enable him to commence forther oper-



2-B OR NOT 2-B, THAT'S THE OURSTION. ations. Knowing full well that the first pair offered will be almost sure not to be satisfactory. he reserves his forces. When he produces the shoe he is met with a volley of questions, mostly of a suspicuous nature. The shoes may be exactly what was called for, and one is quietly but firmly placed upon the foot. As he suspected, it is at least two letters too parrow. He buttons it and awaits developments.

The father, taking advantage of the opportunity, seems to be intently watching a stranger's pretty foot to his right. The mother and daughter exchange glances which seem to





Futher Ressignoit's Escape from Captivity
Among the Mahdista.

One can hardly tell from the photograph from which this picture was made which is the white and which the black man. The older man is an Italian by birth, and about twelve years ago, when he went to the Egyptian Soudan, he had as fair a skin as any southern European. Exposure for years to the tropical sun has made him as dark as the lighter-colored natives from whose land he has just escaped. It was lucky for him that the sun changed his hue, for had his complexion remained fair he never could have quitted the capital of the fanatical Mahdists and made his way for hundredsof miles north to the civilized world.

This man is Father Rossignoll, who went to the Eastern Soudan as a missionary a short time



PATHER ROSSIGNOLI AND HIS GUIDE.

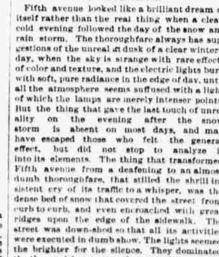
before the Malidist revolt closed that country to all outsiders. White men have not since been able to get into it, nor have the unfortunate twenty or thirty Europeans who were in the country when Khartoum fell been able to get out. The only exceptions are Father Ohrwalder and two Catholic Sisters, who fied three or four years ago and, after many hair-breadth escapes and much suffering reached Cairo, and Father Rossignoli, whose arrival in Egypt was reported a few weeks ago.

Until a few months ago Father Rossignoli was living at Omdurman, the Mahdist capital. A number of the white captives who showed that they could make gunpowder or perform other skilled service were employed by the Mahdi, and are still at work for his successor and have been fairly well treated. Others have led miserable lives as slavos. One white man, who escaped and was captured, suffered death by hanging. Some of the white women have long been harein inmates. Other prisoners have been permitted to shift for themselves, picking up a living as best they might. They have made cakes or articles of clothing and peddled them on the streets, and have led a most unhappy and

manity than the missionaries. They are trying to combine comfort and beauty. Their greatest difficulty is the customer. If he has a short, thick foot he inclines to a long, slim shoe. In the early days ready-made shoes came straight, with neither rights nor lefts. To-day there are BIRTHPLACE OF THE BROWNIES



PRIDES HERSELF ON HER HIGH INSTEP. nearly as many widths to one length as there are sizes, and any natural foot can be fitted. A change in style does not benefit the retailer, only the manufacturer. It would be better for the retailer if the fashion never changed. As a people we do not improve. The only improvement comes with age. Youth still insists on tight shoes, but the average of the foot is larger, particularly of the woman. The best and cheapest shoes are made in this country.



which the lamps are merely intenser points, for which the lamps are merely intenser points, flut the thing that gave the last touch of mersality on the evening after the snow atorm is absent on most days, and may have escaped those who felt the general effect, but did not stop to analyze it into its elements. The thing that transformed fifth avenue from a deafening to an aimost dumb thoroughfare, that stilled the shrill insistent cry of its traffic to a whisper, was the dense bed of snow that covered the street from curb to curb, and even encroached with great ridges upon the edge of the sidewalk. The street was down-shed so that all its activities was once mater, light was now enthroned.

The only sense that seemed fully awake was sight, and wherever the eve felt there was light, so wherever the ever full three was light, so where we have been a hundred stories since that the electric lights. The sole in machine to an ugly drab but near the same of the sole intervals as far as and down the surprished where the ever full three was light, and wherever the ever full three was light, the same variety has a surprished was a surprished with the surprished was one manner fully was an another full three was a

His Gas Parlor Trick.

From the Wishington Evening Mur.
"Do you know what Miss Cayenne says about

you?" said the young woman who bears tales.
"No," replied Willie Wishington. "She says that you have proposed to her seventeen times."
Yes. That's quite twue. It's the only thing that I can do that weally seems to amuse her.

ommonplace Surroundings Amid Which They Came Into Being.

Probably very few people who have met the brownies in one quarter of the world or another know that these interesting people first see the light through the north window of a room in an office building in lower Broadway. They come into the world with the roar of the street and the presate bell of the cable car, the first sounds likely to fall upon their ears. There is nothing nearer the supernatural about the surroundings in which they are born. The other floors of the buildings are occupied by wholesale dealers in such articles as coats, hats, and shoes which even the mysterious brownles have adopted. Palmer Cox's studio is not a room that looks as if it had served for so long as the birthplace of these unique little figures. It looks very much like the sitting room of a country farmhouse after the successful visit of an enterprising peddler. The light that falls through the four large windows floods the room. There is a stove to heat it, and behind a screen in one

corner an industrious typewriter is at work. Nothing suggests that the quaint figures hung about the room in the form of dolls, in pictures, weven into rugs and grinning on pieces of stamped calico originated here. But the small slant-topped desks, covered with a piece of blotting paper, entirely plain and facing a window through which the light pears, was the cradle of most of the brownie brood. Some of the first-for the oldest brownies are not of native birth-come into this world by way of Canada. But the dude, the Irishman, the policeman, like the

ment comes with age. Youth still insists on tight shoes, but the average of the foot is larger, particularly of the woman. The best and cheapest shoes are made in this country."

A DREAMLAND FIFTH AVENUE.

Light Reigned There Alone the Night After the Snow Storm.

Fifth avenue looked like a brilliant dream of itself rather than the real thing when a clear, cold evening followed the day of the snow and rain storm. The thoroughfare always has suggestions of the unreal at dusk of a clear winter's day, when the sky is strange with rare effects of color and texture, and the electric lights burn with soft, pure radiance in the edge of day, until all the atmosphere seems suffused with a light of which the lamps are merely intenser points, but the thing that gave the last touch of unreality on the evening after the snow the thorough and the proxime experience. So when Mr. Cox thought of the old Scotch tradition of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie experience. So when Mr. Cox thought of the old Scotch tradition of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie tribe, which he had often heard of the brownie tribe when his sort of people he will the atmosphere seems suffused with a light of which the lamps are merely intenser points. But the thing that gave the last touch of unreality on the evening after the snow

the witness stand in a French court. She was saked her age, and she answered that she was

histy years old.

"But," said the magistrate, "did you not tell me bot were thirty when you appeared before me tree years ago?"

"I think it very likely," she replied, smilingly acanonicaling her falselized and not at all absoluted. "I am not one of those women who say one thing to-day and another thing to-ingrow."

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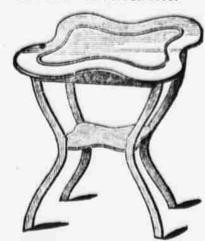
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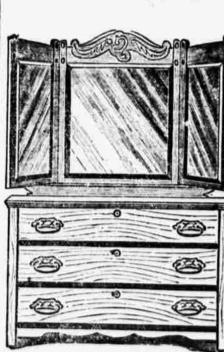
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MEMPHON. Dec. 72.—Mr. C. D. Oliver, manager

of Mr. J. F. Frank's "Allicator" plantation in Lee county, Ack, who is in Memphis to-day. tells a story that will interest all devotees of woodcraft.

"Last Sunday," says Mr. Oliver, "Al Richardson and David Jackson, educed tenners in the plantation, went into the ir. Francis River bettern it searches for a message one. Hearing a great reason search of a message one Hearing a great reason to the open distance, they went to the spot and found two magnificant backs fiching, with Dirir wide opreading antiergancheety estimated that each was the prisoner of the other. In their important fur, they pad no attention to the two seas hunters us if the lainer had appearanced within a few four of them. Then the loss ke endoured to set away, but seen its minimal from the Riverson and decision its minimal from their moles, and drawing their poops; Riverson their moles, and the two messages was injectioned for no resistance, and the two messages willed them by cutting their chrosis. The back of our of the burks had usen broken in the flerce singular with his antagonist, but he had been kept on his seed by the boad on the other's horns. "Last Sunday," says Mr. Oliver, "Al Richard.

Manchester's Ridiculous Chief of Police. The Chief of Police has recently issued an

The times of transce has recently issued an order forbulding any police officer to furnish information to reporters, on pain of suspension, The situation is not without its humors.

A look sepont had just arrived in Manchester. As he walked up from the station he inquired of an Elm street officer, "Can you tell me the

way to Hauster street ?" The officer represed him anapiciously. "Are you a new paper man?" he asked. The stranger hesitated, "I have been," he

"Then I can tell you nothing," repiled the "Then I was tell you nothing," replied the bineveal changemay. "The third has given as orders not to lurnish information to flower paper near the of the Manahester reporters early one mainting the stored a basic in a ride of rathball in a basic store. "Where a tie hearest fire box," he shall reshing up to an officer. "Let's see, notice a newspaper man aren's paur queried the parolinear."

"See where a the long?"

"Can't tell "was the reply, "Chief's orders."

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